Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

December 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.4 percent between November 2009 and December 2009 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both fell 0.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the December All-items Index decreased from November 2009 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, and home entertainment equipment, parts, and services. Prices also fell for women's clothing, men's clothing, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), and furniture.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh vegetables, and bakery products. Prices also rose for other food preparations, household chemical products, rent, and fresh fruit.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.1 percent between December 2008 and December 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.5 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The December All-items Index increased from December 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, electricity, and food purchased from restaurants. Prices also rose for rent, prescribed medicines, homeowners, maintenance and repairs, and the purchase and leasing of recreational vehicles.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for natural gas, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment, parts, and services, property taxes (including special charges), inter-city transportation, and fresh vegetables.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Dec. 2009	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2009 to Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008 to Dec. 2009
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.1	117.6	-0.4	1.1
Food	123.0	122.6	0.3	1.9
Shelter	137.6	137.9	-0.2	-1.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.8	103.8	-1.0	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	93.5	96.6	-3.2	2.0
Transportation	108.6	108.8	-0.2	2.5
Health and Personal Care	113.7	113.7	0.0	4.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.0	105.3	-1.2	1.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	133.9	133.5	0.3	3.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.2	116.4	-0.2	1.0
Energy	125.1	128.6	-2.7	2.5
CANADA				
All-Items	114.8	115.2	-0.3	1.3
Food	121.8	121.5	0.2	1.7
Shelter	121.3	121.3	0.0	-1.7
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.5	108.5	-0.9	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	90.6	95.1	-4.7	-0.8
Transportation	115.5	115.4	0.1	4.7
Health and Personal Care	113.2	113.6	-0.4	3.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.8	103.7	-0.9	1.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.2	131.3	-0.1	1.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.5	113.9	-0.4	0.8
Energy	130.3	132.4	-1.6	5.9
REGINA				
All-Items	117.3	117.8	-0.4	1.5
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.1	118.6	-0.4	1.0

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Nov. 2009 to Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008 to Dec. 2009
Canada	-0.3	1.3
Newfoundland	-0.3	1.9
Prince Edward Island	-0.8	3.0
Nova Scotia	-0.6	2.6
New Brunswick	-0.5	3.0
Quebec	-0.3	2.1
Ontario	-0.4	1.2
Manitoba	-0.4	1.1
Saskatchewan	-0.4	1.1
Alberta	-0.6	0.6
British Columbia	-0.4	0.4
Whitehorse	-0.4	-0.4
Yellowknife	0.1	1.2
Iqaluit	0.1	-1.0

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Nov. 2009 to Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008 to Dec. 2009
St. John's	-0.3	1.7
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.8	2.9
Halifax	-0.6	2.5
Saint John	-0.5	3.2
Quebec City	-0.3	2.4
Montreal	-0.3	2.0
Ottawa	-0.4	1.2
Toronto	-0.4	0.8
Thunder Bay	-0.5	0.3
Winnipeg	-0.4	1.0
Regina	-0.4	1.5
Saskatoon	-0.4	1.0
Edmonton	-0.6	0.8
Calgary	-0.5	0.2
Vancouver	-0.4	0.7
Victoria	-0.4	0.5
Whitehorse	-0.4	-0.4
Yellowknife	0.1	1.2
Iqaluit	0.1	-1.0

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